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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with J. Patrick Coyne
3 November 1964

1. In accordance with the DCI's instructions, I met with Coyne to get his reaction to the annual reports to the President's Board from the Agency and from the DCI. I got very little for my effort. Coyne said that while he had read the reports, he didn't feel that he should comment on them because all of the Board members had not had a chance to read them. I said that I would appreciate his personal reaction. He said he would comment on one item which was the item in the DCI's report that the DCI felt he should receive the reports from other agencies to the Board and be able to comment on them as they went to the Board. He said that the Board had already taken a position on this which was negative and he was sure they wouldn't change it. That was his only comment on the Board reports, and he successfully and skillfully avoided making any further statements.

2. We discussed many other items of current interest-- the Jenkins case and White House security in general, the responsibilities of agencies for clearances and who issued them, possible changes after the election, etc., but there was nothing further forthcoming on either the Agency or the reports. He asked about the DCI's attitude toward the Board, and I declined to comment. He commented on the NRO problem, and I told him that I thought this was a terrible waste of high-priced Government time and talent, and that I thought there was really no irreconcilable difference, but that I thought the whole NRO concept was not workable. He commented on the fact that the Board didn't appear to be receiving as much information from the Agency as it used to, and I said we tried to fill their requests. It was a friendly but quite unrewarding occasion.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

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